

# THE TRIBUNE

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1842.

**Democratic Whig General Committee.** New-York, May 16, 1842.—A Special Meeting of this Committee will be held at the Broadway House on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at 4 o'clock.

**J. H. HOBART HAWK, Secretary.**

1842 A.D.

**Central Clay Committee.** An adjourned meeting of this Committee will be held at the Clay Hotel on Wednesday Evening, the 18th inst., at 7 o'clock.

By order, JACOB ACKEL, Chairman pro tem.  
JAMES F. BEERS, Secretary pro tem.

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**For a Spicy Letter from Philadelphia.** Extraordinary Forgeries in Connecticut Practical Organization of Association, New Books, Necessity for the Canal Enlarge-  
ment, &c. &c. see First Page.

**For Miss Edgeworth's Letter on Temperance in Ireland, Forest Worship, a Poem by Elliott, and No. III. of a History of Slavery and African Colonization, see Last Page.**

## Thimblerigging.

We presume most of our male readers have at some time or other happened to be on a race-course, master-ground, or the like, where some practical philosopher—quite often of African genealogy and complexion, and of ripe shrewdness and experience—says to show forth to admiring (and, alas! betting) spectators his manipulatory science through the medium of the ancient and exciting game of thimblerigging. The said game—is for us we can remember from having seen it once only, and that many years ago—is played with a plain board, three thimbles, and a little stuff ball; the science of the operator being shown in putting (or seeming to put) the ball under one of the thimbles in plain sight of all, yet so dexterously that the surrounding urchins, who fancy they see it placed under this or that thimble, and bet on the strength of their dis-cernment, find on lifting the thimble that they have erred and lost their money. Indeed, we suspect that it makes little difference which thimble they bet on—that if they were to upturn all three at once they would find the ball under neither.

The game of Political Thimblerigging now carried on in this City is strikingly in character. Loco-Focoism in our City Office is the operator: the three thimbles are Mayor Morris, ex-Alderman Shaler, and the Loco-Foco Inspectors of the Sixth Ward. They are turned up one after the other, but the ball does not manifest itself. It certainly should be under one of the other; but each denies all knowledge of it; and the operator has somehow so jugged it between his fingers that he hopes he may get it out of the way altogether. Nay: the cunning dog is trying to get up a sham-fight as to the particular thimble that it ought to be under, and thus distract public attention until we can hustle it out of the way entirely, and get safely off with their spoils. But this is just what we shall not permit them to do with impunity—*Meurs, Thimbleriggers! you are trying to cheat the City of New-York out of her fairly elected Government!* that is the gist of the matter, and the issue on which you are arraigned. Don't think to baffle us with your pretexts and 'opinions' about this or that particular thimble, and how the ball ought or ought not to be under it. We shall not be fured off by any such juggle, but keep you square up to the main question!

**For The New Era** falsely asserts that all the Whig papers are hostile to an extension of Suffrage in Rhode Island. We did all in our power, whether by public or personal exertion, for such extension, long since, and constantly, as my own may see who will take the trouble to examine files of the Tribune and New-Yorker. But we never imagined that the non-voters could peacefully, legally subvert the existing Government, or we should never have wasted our breath in persuading the Friendsiders that they ought to concede what we deemed right and just.

The doctrines now preached by the Doy party would unsettle all the foundations of Government, and throw the whole country into the wildest Anarchy. If they are sound, a meeting in the Park may annul the City Charter, and establish another—may separate the City from the State, or even the Union. If they are sustained, a State will often have as many constitutions and Governments, as there are factions within its borders. There will be no common arbiter, but each will do and declare lawful whatever is right in his own eyes. Sustain them, and some of our patriots, who find it hard enough to keep out of the clutches of one Sheriff, will have a dozen after them at once; one overhauling them for doing what another stands ready to jump upon them for leaving undone. They will find this practically worse than the atrocious tyranny of the Rhode Island Landholders, who rob the people of that State of \$400 a year to pay their Governor, and \$1.50 per day for Members of the Legislature; whenever contracted a dollar of State Debt, and never made a monopoly of Banking. But for all this, we want to see a free Suffrage in Rhode Island, but established legally and peacefully since it can be. For those who rejected a constitution which gave the power into their hands, and now try to deceive the public by slang about 'King Charles's Charter,' we have little sympathy; but the principle of Representation or No Taxation must not suffer for their misconduct.

**For The Sun** is guilty of deliberate misrepresentation to sustain Morris and Shaler in the Hold over operation. It cites the Fifth Ward Elections of 1797, 1798 and 1824, in each of which there were 300 men at the Ranch. The families were leaving the place. Col. Aubrey had given his milti cows to supply the army with beef. Col. Owen was at Texas on the march for Corpus Christi with 250 men, and 300 more were on their way from Victoria. The western people were concentrating rapidly at Corpus Christi. Maj. John McDonald was accidentally killed in camp on the 25th ult. The report of the murder of Cruz is unfounded. There are said to be 2 or 3,000 Mexican soldiers at Matamoras, but no talk of coming this way.

It is thought that Santa Ana is threatening to arrest Arista for the purpose of having a plausible pretext for a junction of the two armies, when a descent will be made on the Catholic Priests, and his son-in-law, the old ones expires. It is the lawyer who edits The Sun had made such dishonest citations in Court as this case of Shaler is not at all apposite, because this is no lie, but an election by over one hundred majority, in the next place, the Royal Charter of 1740 under which this was legal has been modified by the Presidio's Charter of 1830, which declares that whenever the new Alcalde is appointed to the office, he must swear to the Constitution of Mexico, and that he has done so, he will be sworn in as Alcalde.

Astounding developments are expected in Philadelphia from H. J. Levis.

**For The Libel Case.**—The case of Col. STONE, indicted for a libel on Ald. Purdy and Lee has been brought nearly to a close. The testimony closed on both sides on Friday, and Saturday was occupied till a very late hour at night with the arguments of counsel. D. GRAHAM, Jr. and H. KETCHUM, Esq. were very eloquent for the defense. They will probably wait till there is a grand jury over of the accounts in the Comptroller's office. We don't know that all is not right there—we shall be glad to find it—but paying over money to the successors of Lloyd, Lydney and Stevenson may just as well wait a day or two till we see whether the City is to have the benefit of it.

**Rhode Island.**—An intense excitement was created in Providence on Saturday by the appearance of a handbill embodying the following statement:

"We hereby state that we returned from New York this morning, and while there learned from unimpeachable authority, that THOMAS W. DORR, before leaving New-York, wrote a letter to LEVI D. STANTON, Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court, in which he censured in New-York and sent to Rhode Island, No. B. C. POTTER."

Providence, May 14, 1842.

The handbill of the friends of the old Government proceeds to say:

"At a time when all persons concur in the opinion that a written Constitution is established which shall secure the extension of Suffrage and equal representation in the Legislature of this State, and when all are willing and ready to make a State Constitution to accomplish these objects as soon as the Legislature shall be convened, nothing can be more impudent and unbecoming than the State, will any good citizen, no matter what are his opinions upon the question of suffrage longer countenance the violent, revolutionary and unconstitutional course of action marked out by Dorr, and his crew?—that they have no right to do what they please."

"BENNETT'S SENTENCE—FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE."—James Garrison BENNETT, Esq. Editor of the New-York Herald, was found guilty on two indictments on the Court of Sessions—both calculated to bring on the Judge of that Court, in their official capacity, the same contempt and derision as was shown to the good citizens of New-York to hush them down, and to make them tant to the State, will any good citizen, no matter what are his opinions upon the question of suffrage longer countenance the violent, revolutionary and unconstitutional course of action marked out by Dorr, and his crew?"

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